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For: GENETICALLY MODIFIED PLANTS  
HAVING MODULATED BRASSINOSTEROID  
SIGNALING

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 0504), for which a response is due September 3, 2004. A request for a two month extension of time is filed herewith extending the time to respond to November 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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